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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, Applicants wish to bring the following references, AA-AB and BA-BN cited on the attached PTO-1449 Form to the attention of the Examiner.

Currently Applicants are unable to provide the Examiner with an English language translation of Reference BN. However, when a translation or abstract comes available, Applicants will forward to the attention of the Examiner.

REMARKS

No representation is made that more pertinent, although presently unknown art does not exist. It is anticipated that the Examiner will conduct a thorough search of the prior art, and will carefully consider each of the said documents cited herein.

It is respectfully requested that each of the documents shown on the PTO-1449 Form be made of record in this Application. Xu and Evans

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Early examination and allowance of the present Application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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